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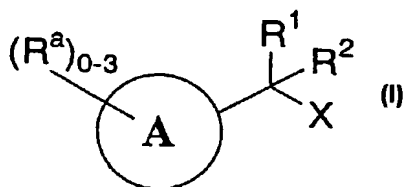
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(54) Title: GEMINALLY DI-SUBSTITUTED NSAID DERIVATIVES AS ABETA 42 LOWERING AGENTS



(57) Abstract: The present invention encompasses compounds of Formula I (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein A is the base molecule of a propionic acid or acetic acid NSAID, or a derivative thereof, X is -CO₂H, 1H-tetrazol-5-yl or 2H-tetrazol-5-yl and R¹ and R² are each independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁₋₆alkyl and C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, as well as pharmaceutical composition comprising said compounds and methods of using said compounds. The compounds of the present invention lower the level of Aβ₄₂ and are therefore useful for preventing, delaying or reversing the progression of Alzheimer's Disease.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 6,407,253 B1 (ALAMI et al) 18 June 2002 (18.06.2002), entire document.	29

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In these claims, the numerous variables (e.g. R1, R2, A, X, etc. . .) and their voluminous complex meanings and their many permutations and combinations, make it difficult to determine the full scope and complete meaning of the claimed subject matter. As presented, the claimed subject matter cannot be regarded as being a clear and concise description for which protection is sought and as such the listed claims do not comply with the requirements of PCT article 6. Thus, a meaningful search cannot be carried out on the same. A search was made on the first discernable invention, which is claim 29.